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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT  
AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box 1450 Group 1636  
Arlington VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

In response to the Notice mailed 27 October 2004 by Legal Instruments Examiner  
Tracy D. Johnson (Phone 571 272 0534), consideration of the following remarks is  
solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies that this  
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2004 (37 CFR 1.10).

Applicants' Attorney herein responds to the above Notice requiring replacement of  
the entire Amendments to Claims Section of Applicants' 10/14/04 response. Please  
substitute the following Section: